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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed January 2, 2003 for the above-captioned application, please make the following amendments:

In the claims:Please amend claim 12 to read as follows:

12. (amended) The test kit of claim 11, wherein said assay device comprises a porous carrier strip disposed within a hollow casing and having the detection zone disposed thereon, and wherein the labeled reagent specifically binds to the detection zone.

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